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Advocates say that efforts to get more women in the city to breast-feed are starting to pay off. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Cops arrest 39 in Staten Island gun, drug ring

Long list. The suspects were charged with attempted murder, trying to sell illegal firearms and drugs, plus robbing homes.
International affair. "Operation Mayberry" spanned 16 months.
Spoils of war. Illegal guns were recovered en route from Georgia and drugs were intercepted from Mexico and Canada. PAGE 02

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Maurice Carroll, director of Quinnipiac University Polling Institute

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2 'Florida woman begs for money to buy breast implants'

3 'Video: Woman thinks mailman is stalking her'



Enma Ordonez nurses her baby in the park on Tuesday. The city wants more women to breast-feed their children. / BESS ADLER, METRO

City breast-feeding push yields rewards

Nursing. Moms say they are becoming more comfortable breast-feeding in public, but that there is still work to be done.

On cold days last winter, Brelyn Vandenberg would bring her newborn to the Central Park Zoo — but they didn't go for a typical visit.

"The tropical birdhouse is always 85 degrees, so if I was out, I would just go there to breast-feed in the win-

ter," said Vandenberg, 32, whose 8-month-old boy is still breast-fed.

At the Met, in parks and on the subway, Vandenberg and other city mothers are becoming more comfortable nursing in public. With awareness campaigns and events throughout August — National Breastfeeding Month — advocates are hoping to make the practice even more natural citywide.

"If we normalize breast-feeding, it's more comfortable for everyone," said Theresa Landau, who chairs the NYC Breastfeeding Leadership Council, Inc., and runs the Morrisania Women,

Still work to be done

"Breast-feeding is becoming more common, I'm not sure it's becoming more normalized."

New mother, Carmen Gonzalez

Infants and Children program in the Bronx.

But while the American Academy of Pediatrics, federal and city agencies have all pushed for mothers to breast-feed, advocates believe there's room for improvement.

A video of a nursing Texas mother went viral this week after a stranger told the woman to cover up for "decency." In Tennessee last week, an employee of a fast-

food restaurant asked a mother breast-feeding her 5-month-old to stop.

Mothers in the city still have difficulties pumping milk or breastfeeding at work as well, advocates said.

"Some of our moms have to go back to work when the baby is 2 to 6 weeks old," Landau said.

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A cache of weapons was recovered by the police.

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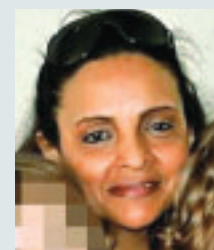
Takedown. Dozens collared in massive Staten Island bust

Thirty-nine men and women were arrested in Staten Island in "Operation Mayberry," bringing charges of conspiring to commit murder, attempted murder, possession and sale of illegal firearms, distribution and sale of cocaine, as well as burglarizing homes.

The takedown, a joint effort by the District Attorney's Office in Staten Island and the NYPD, spanned 16 months.

Six guns, marijuana, crack cocaine and more than a kilo of cocaine were seized after months of work by undercover police officers. **DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN**

Shocking case



Yoselyn Ortega / FACEBOOK

'Killer' nanny fit for trial, judge says

The nanny accused of murdering two children last year is mentally fit for trial, a Manhattan judge reiterated in a ruling Tuesday.

Two court-appointed doctors determined Yoselyn Ortega understood court proceedings and could stand trial.

Ortega is accused of fatally killing Lucia and Leo Krim, 6 and 2, in their Upper West Side apartment last October. Police said Ortega stabbed the children to death when their mother and brother were out.

She has pleaded not guilty.

Her next court date is Sept. 30.

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City violence

Bronx teen dies after brutal assault

A 17-year-old from the Bronx died at 4:18 a.m. Monday at Jacobi Hospital while in police custody, the NYPD reported.

Police responded to a 911 call reporting a male assaulted at the Edgewood Houses, the largest public housing development in the Bronx, and discovered Antonio Lyles, 17, badly beaten.

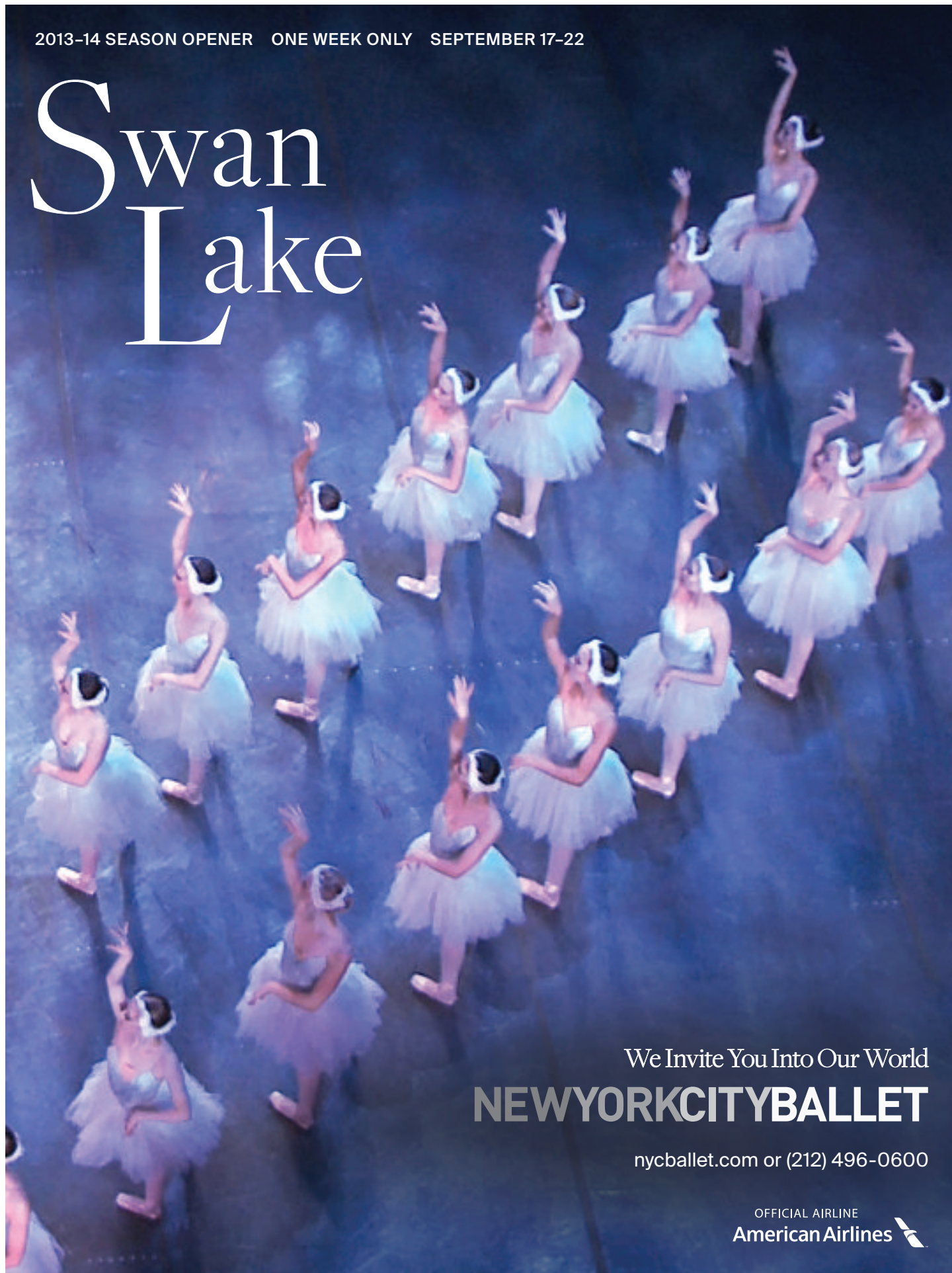
He was taken to Jacobi Hospital in critical condition, police said.

Police arrested two people in the course of the investigation into his assault:

Stanley Hampton, 18, and Ezequiel Pena, 20. **DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN**

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Comptroller. Stringer to unveil immigration policy proposals

Manhattan borough president and city comptroller candidate Scott Stringer is set to announce on Wednesday a set of policy proposals tying the office of the Comptroller to the protection of the city's immigrant communities.

Under Stringer's plan, the city comptroller would play a major role in making sure those resources are getting to the New Yorkers who need them most — as well as using fiscal data to prove

that collaborating with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in enabling deportations is a cost burden to the city.

Other than conducting specific audits and contract oversight with an eye to protecting immigrant communities, Stringer also intends to establish an official committee within the office to outline paths to reform and he hopes to host town hall meetings.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Inside Google

Cops seek vandal who drew swastika

Police are searching for a man who drew a swastika inside an elevator in the Google building

last week.

The vandal was captured on video drawing the symbol on an elevator button inside 76 Ninth Ave. at about 10:30 p.m. last Thursday, police said.

LAURA SHIN

Woman busted after posing as Sandy victim

Scam. The Queens woman pretended to be a Sandy victim so that she could receive benefits.

A Queens woman who received thousands in relief benefits was arrested for posing as a victim of superstorm Sandy, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced Tuesday.

Caterina Curatolo was busted for multiple counts of grand larceny, insurance fraud, scheming to defraud and falsifying business records, among other charges, after pretending her Fresh Meadows home was uninhabitable after Sandy.

"Today's arrest shows that scammers who trade on tragedy will be exposed and punished," Schneiderman said.

According to Schneider-



The Rockaways in Queens were devastated by superstorm Sandy. GETTY IMAGES

man's felony complaint, Curatolo stayed in hotel rooms meant for Sandy evacuees, racking up a bill of \$83,500.

Curatolo also allegedly spent \$3,590 from the city and Red Cross — that was meant for food — at Best Buy, Dressbarn, Marshalls and other retailers.

Schneiderman's office said damage to Curatolo's home in Queens was sustained two years before Sandy.

The complaint alleges Curatolo also made an auto insurance claim for her car, though an investigation showed no signs of water damage.

Schneiderman's office also alleges that Curatolo made a claim for roof damage after Hurricane Irene in 2011.

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Greenpoint. Cops nab suspect in string of Brooklyn sex assaults

Police have a suspect in custody that they believe to be the intruder who broke into three apartments in Williamsburg and Greenpoint Monday night, a law enforcement official said.

The reported intruder robbed all three homes and attempted to sexually assault the female residents, police said.

The first incident occurred at 7:50 p.m., according to police reports. The intruder knocked at an apartment on Berry Street. The victim was punched in the face by the intruder and knocked unconscious, cops said.

Police said the in-

truder tried to rape her.

The second assault occurred two hours later, police said.

The intruder pushed the victim and lifted up her dress, cops said.

The victim's husband reportedly confronted the intruder. The intruder slashed his face and then fled.

In the third incident, the intruder pushed the victim onto a bed, police said. The victim's roommate intervened, and the suspect fled.

The suspect in custody was arrested in a building on Nassau Avenue by a rookie cop, police said.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Three assaults in one night

A bodega owner told police that the suspect had multiple laptops with him and appeared to be under the influence of drugs.

De Blasio jumps ahead in latest mayoral poll



Public Advocate Bill de Blasio is leading in the latest poll. / GETTY IMAGES

First place. The public advocate has passed his rivals in a new poll.

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio skyrocketed ahead of other Democratic mayoral hopefuls in the latest poll.

Of 579 likely Democratic primary voters, de Blasio leads with 30 percent of the vote, according to a new Quinnipiac University poll.

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn is 6 points behind de Blasio with 24 percent of the vote. Former City Comptroller Bill Thompson has 22 percent and former Congressman Anthony Weiner is in fourth place with 10 percent of the vote.

The poll showed that de Blasio also leads Quinn, Thompson and Weiner in

runoff elections if a single candidate doesn't receive 40 percent of the vote on the Sept. 10 primary.

De Blasio's campaign manager Bill Hyers said in a statement that their message was clear "whether we are ahead in the polls or behind."

The poll of likely Democratic voters has a margin of error plus or minus 4.1 percent.

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Leader of the pack

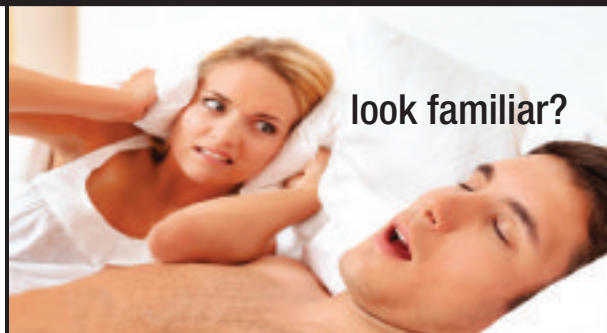
"A few weeks ago, ... Bill de Blasio looked like an also-ran. Today, he's the leader of the pack."

Maurice Carroll, Director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute

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City hatches plan to grow the specialty food industry

Bottoms up.

The City Council has released the findings of a report to attract more artisanal food businesses to NYC.

Small businesses making artisanal cheese, locally brewed beer and other specialty foods are cropping up more in the five boroughs, but the City Council is hoping to make operating these local food and beverage firms easier.

Since 2008, the number of specialty food and beverage manufacturers has grown by more than 11 percent to 1,097 such firms last year, according to a Pratt Center study on the industry commissioned by the council

and released yesterday.

"This report shows there's a big appetite for economic growth in our local food and beverage manufacturing industry," City Council Speaker Christine Quinn said.

The report recommends increasing financial assistance for local businesses seeking to sell their products to larger companies, such as creating a modified loan program for small firms.

The report also suggests creating a co-packing facility for smaller manufacturers to share so that they might fill larger orders and keep production in the city.

The industry employs about 15,000 New Yorkers, officials said.

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By the numbers

11%

The number of specialty food and beverage manufacturers in the city has grown more than 11 percent since 2008.

15K

The industry has about 15,000 New Yorkers employed, according to officials.

Election 2013

Weiner talks scandal, Clinton campaign in interview

Despite record low poll ratings, mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner appeared defiant in an interview with BuzzFeed, saying he is responsible for his mistakes and will "stand up strong."



Anthony Weiner
AARON ADLER, METRO

"I did these things. No one did this to me; I did this to me. I made these mistakes. I'm glad they're behind me," Weiner said when asked if he felt like he was set up by Sydney Leathers, his former sexting partner.

When asked if he is still in therapy, Weiner replied, "Apparently, you're never out of

therapy."

Weiner may have also let some important information slip when he talked about his wife Huma Abedin's future.

He was asked if he knew what role she would play in a possible 2016 Hillary Clinton presidential campaign.

"I do. I'm not telling you," he only said.

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Braves fall

Fatality. Colorado floodwaters sweep away teenage girl

A 17-year-old Colorado girl became the second fatality in five days in the Pikes Peak region when she was swept down a swollen creek after apparently taking shelter under a bridge from rain and pounding hail, police said yesterday.

Rose Hammes had gone for a walk Monday afternoon and called her parents to say she was taking shelter under the bridge, Colorado Springs police said in a statement. When her parents could not reach the girl on her cell phone, they called police.

Search and rescue crews searched the area downstream and hours later found her body in a canal off Sand Creek, about a half-mile from where she was last seen, police spokeswoman Barbara Miller said.

Hammes is the second person to die from rising waters and flooding as daily monsoonal rains have saturated the area for more than a week. The

El Paso County Coroner's Office ruled she died from blunt force trauma and drowning.

Her death came after a 53-year-old man drowned on Aug. 9 when heavy rains sent a wall of water and debris down a canyon denuded by a 2012 wildfire and onto a highway. His body was found covered with debris, outside his vehicle, along the road.

The debris flow from that flash flood roared into the town of Manitou Springs, about six and a half miles west of Colorado Springs at the foot of Pikes Peak, the mountaintop whose panoramic summit vistas inspired "America the Beautiful."

REUTERS

Buildings

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More than 30 buildings in the downtown area of Manitou Springs, Colo., were damaged or destroyed.



This picture shows the foundation of a house washed away by floodwaters in Manitou Springs, Colo. / GETTY IMAGES

\$11B merger

Justice Department sues to block AMR-US Airways merger

The Justice Department filed an unexpected lawsuit to block the merger of American Airlines parent AMR Corp. and US Airways Group Inc., saying the deal would hurt consumers by leading to higher fares and fees.

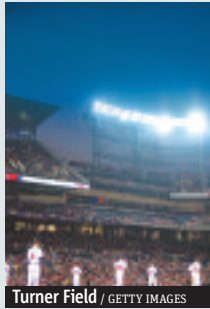
The \$11 billion merger would create the world's largest airline, after four other major U.S. carriers combined in recent years.

The antitrust lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and joined by several states including Arizona and Texas, drew concern from industry experts, support from consumer advocates and triggered a 6 percent sell-off in U.S. airline stocks. **REUTERS**

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"At this time there is no indication of foul play, and the fall appears to be accidental."

Atlanta Police Department In a statement released yesterday on the nature of the fall



Turner Field / GETTY IMAGES

Police: Fatal Atlanta stadium fall was accident

The fatal fall Monday night of a 29-year-old baseball fan from an upper deck of the Atlanta Braves Turner Field stadium was an accident, police said yesterday.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner's office identified the man as Ronald Homer, 29, of Conyers, a suburb of Atlanta.

"At this time there is no indication of foul play, and the fall appears accidental," Atlanta police said in a statement yesterday morning.

Results are not available yet on a test to determine if Homer had been drinking, Mary Beth Hauptle, a medical examiner investigator, told Reuters yesterday.

Police responded to the call at about 8:55 p.m. on Monday during a rain delay in the game between the Atlanta Braves and the Philadelphia Phillies.

Homer fell about 65 feet from an upper level platform at the stadium to a secured parking lot, police said. He was taken to a local hospital where he later died.

REUTERS

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"I've come around a little bit on my thinking here. ... Maybe I could do the beginning bit and then hand it over to somebody else."

Musk



Musk envisions capsules departing every 30 seconds at peak times. / GETTY IMAGES

California billionaire unveils futuristic 'Hyperloop' transport

Plan. As many as 28 passengers could ride in each pod and the system could even transport cars.

California billionaire Elon Musk took the wraps off his vision of a futuristic "Hyperloop" transport system this week, proposing to build a solar-powered network of crash-proof capsules that would whisk people from San Francisco to Los Angeles in half an hour.

In a blog post, Musk, the chief executive of electric car maker Tesla Motors Inc. described in detail a

system that, if successful, would do nothing short of revolutionizing intercity transportation. But first the plan would have to overcome questions about its safety and financing.

The Hyperloop, which Musk previously described as a cross between a Concorde, rail gun and air-hockey table, would cost an estimated \$6 billion to build and construction would take seven to 10 years.

Musk, who in the past has hinted at the hopes of building such a system, proposed the Hyperloop as an alternative to a \$68 billion high-speed rail project that's a major priority of California Gov. Jerry Brown. It would be safer,

faster, less expensive and more convenient, Musk said in the blog post.

But not everyone is convinced the project is a good idea.

Jim Powell, a co-inventor of the bullet train and director of Maglev 2000, which develops high-speed transport systems using magnetic levitation, said the system would be highly vulnerable to a terrorist attack or accident. **REUTERS**

People

7M

Eventually, according to the plan, it would move more than 7 million people a year along one of the U.S. West Coast's busiest traffic corridors. **REUTERS**

Investment

Icahn has large Apple stake; calls company undervalued

Activist investor Carl Icahn said yesterday he now has a "large stake" in Apple Inc., which he believes to be extremely undervalued.

The billionaire, with a reputation for pushing aggressive corporate change, said on Twitter he discussed a larger buyback program with Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook. **REUTERS**

Virtual currencies. Senate panel kicks off broad look at Bitcoin

A powerful Senate committee has started an inquiry into Bitcoin and other virtual currencies, asking a range of regulators to list what safeguards are in place to prevent criminal activity.

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs in an Aug. 12 letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano also said it had started interviewing

people about the risks — and promises — of virtual currencies.

Virtual currencies "can be sent nearly anonymously, leaving little or no trail for regulators or enforcement agencies," said the letter, which was signed by committee Chairman Tom Carper, a Democrat from Delaware, and ranking member Tom Coburn, an Oklahoma Republican. **REUTERS**



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Crochet artist turns train into yarn

Crochet artist Olek, whose real name is Agata Oleksiak, has completed her largest "yarn bomb" to date, covering a full-scale P48 steam locomotive engine and carriages in crochet. Olek worked around the clock for two days in Poland to cover the train in yarn. / METRO WORLD NEWS

Beef plant

Video of 'lame' cattle stirs concern over growth drugs

At a beef industry conference in Denver last week, the animal health auditor for meat producer JBS USA presented a video showing short

clips of cows struggling to walk and displaying other signs of distress. The animals appeared to step gingerly, as if on hot metal, and showed signs of lameness, according to four people who saw the video.

The people in attendance said the video was presented by Dr. Lily

Edwards-Callaway, the head of animal welfare at JBS USA, as part of a discussion on the pros and cons of using a class of drugs known as beta-agonists, the additives fed to cattle in the weeks before slaughter to add up to 30 pounds to bodyweight and reduce fat. **REUTERS**

Hospital worker pleads guilty in hepatitis case

Deadly. The disease can cause liver damage, as well as other health issues, and can be fatal.

He was working at Exeter Hospital in early 2012 when he began stealing syringes of the powerful pain medication Fentanyl. Hospital workers unwittingly used the refilled dirty needles on patients.

Kwiatkowski estimated he swapped out syringes on about 50 occasions while working at Exeter Hospital. He said he had also swapped out syringes at least 20 times when he worked in Kansas and 30 times in Georgia, court documents said.

The technician, David Kwiatkowski, had previously admitted to knowing that he was infected with hepatitis C.

In papers filed on Monday in federal court in New Hampshire, Kwiatkowski told police after his arrest in July 2012 that he realized his actions could "kill a lot of people," according to court papers.

Guilty

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He pleaded guilty to seven counts of tampering with a consumer product and seven counts of obtaining controlled substances by fraud. The charges carry a 30- to 40-year prison sentence.

showed the outbreak came from drugs diverted by Kwiatkowski, who denied knowing that he had the disease.

Police searched his car and found an empty syringe with a blue "Fentanyl" label similar to those used at Exeter Hospital, along with several needles, one containing Kwiatkowski's DNA.

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"It was all me. ... And I'm going to kill a lot of people out of this. ... I'm killing a lot of people."

Kwiatkowski told investigators

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Kerry has 'frank' talks with Netanyahu on settlements

Peace. Israel's government is unlikely to agree to a complete cessation of settlement activity.

Secretary of State John Kerry sought to prevent the fracturing of his Middle East peace initiative, which faces its greatest threat to date from a series of Israeli announcements of new settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Even as he was making his first visit to South America as secretary of state, Kerry reached out to the leaders of Israel and the Palestinian Authority a day before Israeli-Palestinian peace talks are due to resume in Jerusalem.

Kerry said that in a phone call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, "we had a very frank and open, direct dis-

cussion of settlements."

The U.S. secretary of state spoke later in the day with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Abbas "is committed to continue to come to this negotiation," Kerry said, speaking before the two men talked by phone.

While the latest round of talks appears likely to go ahead, Kerry's diplomatic spadework from the other side of the world underscores the task he has in trying to keep both sides at the table and nudge them toward agreement.

Israel in recent days has announced tenders for or advanced the planning process on about 3,100 housing units in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, areas Palestinians claim for their own independent state.

That has led to suggestions from Palestinians that the peace talks, which Kerry announced just last month, may not last long. **REUTERS**



In late July, Kerry set a nine-month deadline for the peace talks, a timetable designed in part to get the long-time adversaries talking quickly on their core disputes. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"Prime Minister Netanyahu was completely up-front with us and with President Abbas that he would be announcing some additional building that will take place in places that would not affect the peace map." **Kerry**

Redacted. Lawyers for killer soldier seek to remove prosecutors

Lawyers for a U.S. soldier who pleaded guilty in June to the slaughter of 16 Afghan civilians were expected to seek the dismissal of the prosecution team at a hearing yesterday, claiming that the fairness of the soldier's upcoming sentencing proceeding is at risk.

Military prosecutors were mistakenly provided an unredacted copy of a court-ordered mental

health evaluation of Army Staff Sergeant Robert Bales, which civilian defense lawyer John Henry Browne has said would give them an undue advantage in the sentencing phase of the case.

The motion seeking to remove the prosecutors is among those filed by Bales' lawyers to be considered at pre-sentencing hearing, an army spokesman said. **REUTERS**

Gutless theft

Surgeon arrested for taking heroin from patient's stomach

A Russian surgeon has been arrested for taking a five-gram bag of heroin he found in a patient's stomach.

"The doctor was intoxicated at the time of detention," police for the Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk said in a statement, adding he faced up to 15 years in prison for theft and possession.

The doctor refused to answer questions without a lawyer. **REUTERS**

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The Newark reports will also include the names of the officers involved and the legal justification for the stop. / GETTY IMAGES

Stop-and-frisk wins praise in Newark after NYC tactics rejected

Mapping. Newark will publish data on the location of every stop-and-frisk performed.

collected from the first month of its "Police Transparency Policy," disclosing the race, gender, age and English proficiency of everyone that Newark police officers stop and frisk.

The Center For Constitutional Rights and the New York Civil Liberties Union had sued New York City over its stop-and-frisk tactics, and a U.S. District

Judge Shira Scheindlin ruled on Monday that New York City had violated the constitutional rights of racial minorities who were unfairly targeted by the New York City Police Department.

Officers often frisked young minority men or searched their pockets for weapons or contraband before letting them go, in a violation of the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment that protects against unreasonable searches and seizures as well as the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, which prohibits intentional discrimination based on race, the judge said in her 195-page decision. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"It really should serve as a model for the rest of the state and even the rest of the nation."

Udi Ofer,
Executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey

Police in the city of Newark, New Jersey, have enacted new, highly transparent stop-and-frisk procedures that civil libertarians have called a model for the country and an alternative to the New York City policy rejected by a U.S. judge.

New Jersey's largest city, about 10 miles west of New York City, will begin tomorrow reporting data

2009 shooting

Fort Hood killer told mental health panel he wanted martyrdom

The U.S. soldier who admitted killing 13 fellow soldiers in a 2009 shooting rampage at a

Texas army base told a mental health panel that he wished to die while carrying out "jihad" because it would be a signal that God had designated him as a religious martyr.

The New York Times yesterday

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Miley Cyrus knows she is white, m'kay?

Miley Cyrus, who is white, teamed up with French Montana, who is Moroccan, for a remix of his hit song "Ain't Worried 'Bout Nothin'." A video portion of the collaboration was put out onto the Interwebs on Monday. In the grainy video, Cyrus raps about "having thick chicks" and "stuntin' during Fashion Week."

In response to the clip, comments poured in — many of which were quite racially motivated — to which

Cyrus replied via Twitter, "I know what color my skin is. you can stop with the friendly reminders b — h."

It's been interesting to watch the singer, who brought twerking into the mainstream, shed her Disney background and play her career and artistic self the way she wants to play it — no genres, no boundaries, no rules. Who would have thought she would be the most color-blind celeb out there?



WHITE DISNEY STARS
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Usher's son released from hospital

After a scary week in which Usher's son, Usher Raymond V, known as "Cinco," was in the ICU after a near-fatal drowning accident, the 5-year-old was released on Tuesday.

It's been an emotionally fraught few days for

the singer. In an emergency custody hearing on Monday, Usher's ex-wife, Tameka Foster Raymond, tried to get Usher's primary custody rights changed. But the judge ruled with the singer; Cinco and his brother, Naviyd, 4, will remain with him.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Mayim Bialik talks about divorce

Mayim Bialik, the actress and outspoken advocate of all things natural and motherhood (co-sleeping, attachment parenting, etc.), is now writing about her divorce on the website Kveller.com, a site for Jewish mothers.

"I wanted to write about some of the more complicated aspects, and specifically there's certain things to Jewish divorce that people don't know about," she tells Access Hollywood Live. "It's very intense. So I wrote about some of those aspects in hopes of maybe [being] helpful to other people."



The Oprah Winfrey controversy continues. / GETTY IMAGES FOR TWC

Oprah backtracks from Swiss Handbaggate

Look. Someone refuses to show Oprah Winfrey a \$35,000 handbag and of course it becomes an international incident. But now the entertainer wishes everyone hadn't made such a big deal about not being able to buy it because the store clerk assumed she couldn't afford it. "I think the incident in Switzerland was just an

incident in Switzerland," Winfrey says, according to the BBC. "I'm really sorry that it got blown up. I purposefully did not mention the name of the store. I'm sorry that I said it was Switzerland. It's not an indictment against the country, or even that store. It's just one person who didn't want to offer me the opportunity to see the bag."

Talking points

Mom Beckham: We're normal!

In the September issue of Vogue Australia, Victoria Beckham claims that her family is "much more normal than people think," but the events surrounding her shoot for the issue contradict that claim. A scheduling conflict came up, with Beckham needing to be at a parent-teacher night at son Brooklyn's school after the photo shoot. "The shoot almost didn't happen," the editor-in-chief Edwina McCann

says. "Her people decided she could make the trip by chopper directly from the shoot if need be."

Garner is Ms. Independent

Jennifer Garner makes it a point to attend some events without husband Ben Affleck, she tells Allure magazine. "He's such a great date. But it can be too much, especially for women. They can really lose their identity and just become 'wife of.'"

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Dwayne Johnson is full of useful advice and Joss Whedon knows what's going on.

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Tough 'JOBS' but somebody's gotta do it

Movies. Ashton Kutcher went all out in channeling Steve Jobs for his latest role.

Ashton Kutcher knows you were skeptical of his ability to portray Steve Jobs. But that only further propelled him to effectively honor the late Apple great.

"It sucks to be judged before you even have a chance to prove yourself, but that's the world that we live in," the 35-year-old actor says. "For those people, their day will come when people judge them and want to hold their feet to the fire for mistakes or something they haven't done yet. I like a good challenge — tell me I can't do something."

To play the tech wiz in "JOBS" — which chronicles Apple's beginnings and the business obstacles that came after it found success — Kutcher threw



Ashton Kutcher takes on the role of young Apple brain Steve Jobs in the new biopic "JOBS," out Friday. GLEN WILSON

himself into the lifestyle that Jobs led, even landing in the emergency room after following the fruitarian diet of which Jobs was a proponent.

"I read a book by this guy Arnold Ehret, which was a book that Steve read, called 'The Mucusless Diet

Healing System,'" Kutcher recalls. "I think the guy who wrote that book was pretty misinformed, and my insides got messed up and my pancreas kind of went crazy. The levels were really off, and it was really painful."

Stepping into that

black turtleneck (at least for one scene) was a character study for Kutcher, who says he had never met Jobs and only "had a mild appreciation for the products he created." But shedding light on Jobs the human, who had flaws just like the rest of us, was

important to the actor.

"I just wanted to honor his legacy and do so honestly," he says. "I didn't want to glorify him. I just wanted to tell the truth. There's a lot of conflicting stories, but we just tried to tell the most honest interpretation of his story that we could."

Some might be surprised to see those less-than-admirable moments play out on-screen, like when Jobs' temper gets the best of him. But Kutcher says there was a method to the genius' madness.

"You see these old-school football coaches screaming at their players, but their whole goal is to make the players better," Kutcher says. "[Jobs] had a blunt honesty that people are afraid to have. He actually cared enough about the end result that it was OK if you didn't like him."



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Unplugging

Going feral

During our chat, Kutcher had his white iPhone out on the table — but he swears he can go without Jobs' arguably most indispensable invention. "I actually test that once a year. I do a week of technology cleansing. I put my iPhone away, don't turn on the TV, no music, no anything, and try to get all that stuff out of my life — eliminate the distractions and make sure that I'm still focused on the things I want to be focusing on," Kutcher says. "A lot of times, these things ... become great distractions and prevent you from being in the moment. I have a little bit of a survivalist part of me that wants to know that if everything else falls apart, can I still maintain myself and the people I care for?"

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So, apparently this is a special about sexy

older ladies who prey upon nubile young men — but, like, in an extreme way. We're not sure if that refers to the extremity of the age differences between the women and their beaus or the voracity of their later-life sexual appetites, but, either way, we're intrigued.

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With the opening of school just weeks away, the effort to prepare the city's 1.1 million students for college and careers is intensifying.

As long expected, the public schools got a jolt to the system last week when the state released the results of the brand-new Common Core exams, which are far harder than the old basic skills tests. The new exams' measure of success is whether a student is on track for college and career success.

This was by design. Millions of American students are graduating without college-level skills, an alarming trend that has prompted 45 states, including New York in 2010, to adopt the new Common Core standards. The standards require students to analyze facts instead of just memorize them, and the exams emphasize the ability to write analytically, read difficult texts and solve complex problems.



Young Scholars' Academy, Brooklyn, NY

As the tests are new, Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott has said the scores won't be used to penalize students, teachers, principals or schools.

Teachers and principals are intensifying their efforts to help students reach the new, higher bar. To prepare, about 15,000 teachers – nearly enough to fill Madison Square Garden – are attending Common Core training sessions this summer.

By the first day of school, more than a million books with higher-level vocabulary words will be delivered to

schools. Overall, the Department of Education has spent \$133 million on resources and professional development for the switch to Common Core.

Chancellor Walcott said that the scores set a new, realistic baseline of what it takes for students to succeed.

"We're not doing our students any favors by keeping the bar low now and letting them fail down the line," he said. "If they're reaching higher standards to graduate, they won't be playing catch-up in college and beyond."



Straight Talk from the Chancellor

Schools Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott responds to parents' questions

Why are this year's scores so different from last year's?

The 2013 state Common Core tests are new and far harder than the old basic skills exams. They measure whether students are on a path for college and careers, not just whether they are on track to graduate from high school. For this reason, they require different, more advanced skills. Students used to pass state tests if they just demonstrated basic proficiency in math and English. Now they only pass if they clear a higher bar that measures whether they are on track for college and jobs.

How will this year's scores affect my child, my child's teachers and school?

Because the tests are new, we've been careful to make sure no one is penalized. Promotion decisions will not be changed based on these results. As teacher evaluation begins in 2013-14, this year's data will not negatively impact teacher growth scores.

Progress Report grades will remain consistent for elementary and middle schools—there won't be an increase in the percentage of schools receiving D or F grades. After all, this change is intended to lead to a more accurate understanding of where students are on the path to college and career readiness, not to punish anyone.

Why were this year's tests so much harder?

For years, most educators thought students were doing much better than they actually were. Students learned otherwise when they had to play catch-

up and retake high school classes in college. The new tests are a clearer and more accurate way to gauge student performance. This far higher standard reflects the advanced skills students need to successfully compete in the world after high school.

What's the bottom line?

While these are completely different tests, the differences between the old and new scores tell us that the majority of our students do not yet have the critical-thinking and problem-solving skills needed to succeed in the 21st-century economy. The scores give us a new baseline to build upon. They also tell us that the reforms of this administration are working. On this year's tests, New York City students scored significantly better than students in other major cities throughout the state. Better yet, we closed the gap with the rest of New York State by more than half. This was unimaginable a decade ago.

What are you doing to help teachers and schools adjust to the Common Core?

Since 2010, we have spent more than \$133 million on resources and professional development to train educators in the new curriculum. We expect 15,000 teachers to attend our sessions this summer. We could not have taken this on without the support of our teachers. They are true trailblazers, and I want to thank them for the hard work they are doing to improve instruction for all of our students.

How are you preparing my child for next year's tests?

Teachers can use the results of this year's test to provide your child with help in any areas where he or she is struggling. By the first day of school, more than one million books with higher-level vocabulary words will be delivered to schools across the city.

In math, teachers are preparing by focusing more deeply on fewer topics, a lesson we've learned from the top-performing countries around the world.

Since 2010, we have spent more than \$133 million on resources and professional development to train educators in the new curriculum.

The city's future rests on its educational system, and while this change may be difficult in the short-term, I'm confident it will lead to long-term gains for students. I encourage parents to ignore the adults who are using the scores for personal or political purposes, and focus on the students. Ultimately, this change is about them.

Have other states seen similar results on the more challenging tests?

Yes. Kentucky was the first state to take Common Core-aligned tests—and saw a 58 percent drop in elementary school reading and math proficiency. This is what happens at first when you raise the bar, and other states expect to see similar results as they administer their first Common Core-aligned exams. We believe deeply in our students and—with support from teachers—we believe students will meet this new, higher bar.

National March Toward Higher Standards

New York City is the first major urban school system in the country to take Common Core-aligned state tests. As expected, the results are similar to those of other states that have implemented the harder exams.

In Kentucky, elementary school proficiency dropped 58 percent on the state's first Common Core exams in 2012. Other states that have rolled out more rigorous—though not yet Common Core-aligned—tests have seen similar results. In Florida, there was a 54 percent difference in fourth-grade writing scores compared with the old exam. In Tennessee, elementary school results varied by 67 percent.

Education officials say scores may look like they're falling, but they're not. The new tests are different than the old ones, so it's impossible to make an apples-to-apples comparison. Students aren't doing worse, they're just being tested against a higher bar, said Schools Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott. "The Common

Core sets a new and more accurate standard for success."

Experience has shown that when a school system raises the bar, students will clear it. Massachusetts, which adopted the most rigorous education standards in the nation in 1993, is now outperforming its counterparts in the United States and abroad. In 2011, 8th-grade students scored among the world leaders in math and science, performing at the same level as Shanghai.

In Tennessee, scores have increased for three consecutive years since the state raised standards. The majority of districts have seen improvements in virtually every subject, including math and science.

New York City and State anticipate similar progress over time. "This change may be unsettling, but I am confident it will lead to long-term gains for our students," Walcott said. "We are committed to preparing them to meet the challenges of the global economy."



Young Scholars' Academy, Brooklyn, NY

In Their Words

"Capitalizing on the scores to benefit adults would relegate a generation of kids to a second-class education, and cheat them out of the futures they deserve. To become distracted by politics would be disastrous for our students."

*Schools Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott,
New York Daily News, 8/8/13*

"We should absolutely not be alarmed if test scores drop as a result of these more rigorous expectations and higher standards. That's because these new assessments and standards are now aligned to mark and measure what it truly takes to adequately prepare students for the real world."

*U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan,
New York Daily News, 8/7/13*

"The fact that we're finally being honest about academic achievement is a very positive sign."

*Joel Klein, former New York City Schools
Chancellor, New York Post, 8/7/13*

"Common Core has the power and potential to move American education into the 21st century."

*Kathryn Wylde, president and CEO of the
Partnership for New York City,
New York Daily News, 8/7/13*

"Raising the bar is scary and will require all of us invested in improving education to work harder, and even relearn parts of our craft. But I'd rather take that leap now than spend another decade or more being lulled into a false sense of security, only to find my students still aren't ready to be productive citizens."

*Kalyca Thomas, sixth-grade ELA teacher,
P.S. 241 in the Bronx,
New York Daily News, 8/7/13*

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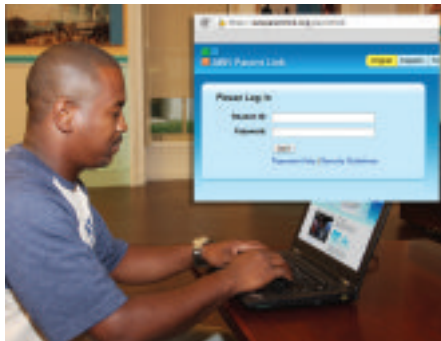
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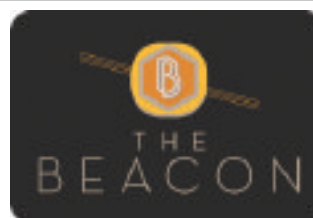
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Is Ridgewood the next Williamsburg?

Real estate. Artists, 20-somethings and young families are trickling in to the Queens nabe.

Every year in NYC real estate, it seems, a new area is anointed the next hot neighborhood — from Long Island City in Queens to Bushwick and Greenpoint in Brooklyn. But there's something different about this year's most-buzzed about up-and-coming area, Ridgewood, Queens.

Ridgewood is just one stop past Bushwick on the L train, but the working-class enclave, with its rows of attached houses,

has a far different feel than the converted post-industrial warehouses of its hipper neighbor. Nonetheless, real estate brokers are seeing artists, 20-somethings and young families trickle into Ridgewood, lured by cheaper home prices, a burgeoning local arts scene and new restaurants.

"There's a big upswing in the market in terms of people coming in," says Joe Crifasi of Crifasi Real Estate. "We have people come into our office in Williamsburg and now we can turn them on to a property in Ridgewood. Before, that would have been impossible — now it's relatively easy."

Demand from these new residents, combined with the overall uptick

Holding it back

Not on the radar

But there are some factors that may prevent an explosion of development in Ridgewood.

First, Ridgewood is densely populated, and its attached row houses make development more difficult than in Bushwick and Williamsburg, with their large multi-family buildings and former factories.

"There just isn't that much available land for big developments," Crifasi says.



Are you priced out of Williamsburg and Greenpoint? You might want to try Ridgewood. / CHRISTOPHER D. BRAZEE

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in the real estate market over the past year, has led to more sales and rising rents. According to the real estate listings provider Streeteasy.com, the median closed sale price of a Ridgewood home in the second quarter was \$400,000, up 14 percent from the same period of last year.

"In the past year, we've seen an uptick in sales and rentals," says Aaron Hillel of Ridgewood-based Hillel Realty

Group. "Apartments have definitely increased in price. We were renting one-bedroom apartments for \$1,150 to \$1,200 two to three years ago, and now they are going for as high as \$1,500."

EVAN BLEIER

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What to expect

Different housing stock

Located just over the Queens border from Bushwick, Ridgewood's manicured brick row houses were largely constructed in the early 1900s to house the immigrants who worked in the area's breweries and knitting mills.

That gives it a far different feel than post-industrial Bushwick. "You're talking about different housing stock," says Sofia Song, vice president of research at StreetEasy.

"Bushwick is more apartments and

multi-family homes. Ridgewood has more single-family homes and row houses.”

Nonetheless, artists and young professionals priced out of other areas are moving to Ridgewood, brokers say. They've been followed by new art galleries — like Famous Accountants on Gates Avenue and Valentine, opened by a founder of Galapagos Art Space — as well as restaurants and bars.

At the Vietnamese restaurant Bunker on Metropolitan Avenue, chef Jimmy Tu once cooked at Eleven Madison Park.

Why now?

What's behind the demand?

First, a 2010 change to the “M” subway route shortened the commute of Ridgewood residents to Midtown.

But more importantly, the resurgent economy has strengthened the housing market citywide. With rents again on the rise in popular areas such

as Williamsburg, home seekers are again venturing farther afield in search of bargains.

"A lot of people are getting priced out of Manhattan, Williamsburg, LIC and Greenpoint," says Eric Hantman, CEO of real estate firm Prime NY, "so they are going to the next areas of gentrification, which seem to be Bushwick and Ridgewood."

Popularity

Thank Bushwick

The increasing popularity of Bushwick has led more home-seekers to start looking over the Queens border.

Good deals are still readily available in Ridgewood, brokers say, because the area was hard hit by the real estate downturn and has not recovered as fast as its

hipper neighbors.

For example, the median home price in Ridgewood at the end of the first quarter was \$370,000, about 11 percent lower than in the same period of 2008, according to StreetEasy. By contrast, the median price of a Bushwick home sale was \$412,000, up nearly 30 percent from \$317,382 five years ago.

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Quoted

"Flea market shopping is not instant gratification. It's not Pottery Barn or Restoration Hardware, where you go online and you click and buy 12 things. But I find it the most pleasurable way to shop. In the end, you have collections of pieces with meaning and uniqueness."

Ashwell



Floral fabrics give old boxes a classic Shabby Chic look. / ALL PHOTOS BY WYNN MILLER & CATHY MOGULL

Decor. The creator of Shabby Chic design shares pro tips on shopping the flea market.

Even though it's been 15 years since Rachel Ashwell's "Shabby Chic: Treasure Hunting & Decorating Guide" was released, the queen of thrifting still sees people walking around flea markets with the classic tome in hand.

"It's become a little bit of a flea market bible," she admits.

Well, navigating those antique-filled aisles just got a bit easier as HarperCollins recently re-released the book in paperback. To further help your scavenging adventures, we checked in with Ashwell for tips on scoring the best trinkets and treasures.

Have a game plan

"When I go clothes shopping I get overwhelmed if I don't have my shopping list and end up coming

back with nothing. If you're a specific shopper, then have items in mind."

Measure beforehand

"Know the size of a table or cabinet you're looking for, and not just the size of where it's going live, but how it's going get there. There's nothing worse than measuring for a beautiful, big cabinet but it has to go through a teeny hallway."

Note the vendor's location

"If you buy something and want to pick it up later, make sure you write down where you're going to pick it up from, because, at the end of the day, all those aisles look the same. And write down a phone number!"

When to negotiate

"Before I even look at a tag, I ask myself, 'What's the most I'll pay for that mirror?' So I already know

Treasure hunting with Rachel Ashwell

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where the price needs to be. If it's higher than that price, I'll ask respectfully, I'm sure it's worth that, but for my purpose I can only pay \$50. I don't want to insult you, but I'd love to buy it for that. If not, no hard feelings."

Don't go crazy with tchotchkes

"As long as an item is beautiful and functional — meaning as long it gets used. I can't bear curiosity cabinets that are just filled with pretty things that are never going to get used. So make sure it has a purpose before you buy it."

A little paint does wonders

"I like to find things that have authentic paint on them. I love the original patina. But obviously, if you go to garage sales, you can find these huge tables or cabinets that cost nothing because they're an awful dark mahogany. Paint can really go a long way with bringing something



Rachel Ashwell says her favorite place to flea market in the U.S. is Round Top, Texas.

Game day

Early bird gets the worm

"Start early. Be there the minute the market is open, if not before. You gotta find those treasures and if you snooze, you lose."



Quoted

"I try to make my style mindful and meaningful. Is an item comfortable? Does it have a function? Is it very useful? And if so, then there's a place for it in a home. If any one of those values aren't there, I believe it doesn't belong." Ashwell

back to life."

Get lamps checked professionally

"No matter what, I always get any vintage lamps and lights checked by a professional, even if they've been re-wired. I still go that extra mile just to make certain."

Watch out for fake distressed pieces

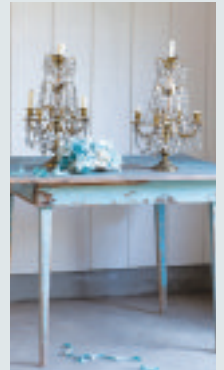
"To me there's nothing worse than seeing a fake distressed piece where every bit of it is full of flaky paint. There's a very authentic way that something becomes distressed. It should be distressed in

the appropriate places. On a table, chances are it's going to be around certain edges and on the top. Legs on a table don't usually get that beaten up, so think about it intelligently. 'If this is going to get beaten up, where would those spots be?'"

Spruce up your finds

"When I find authentic pieces I like to embrace its authenticity, i.e. its finish. Then I like to give it a little bit of a new life with perhaps some new or vintage hardware. Also, make sure to clean items well first. I use a big bucket with warm water and soapy suds with a sponge. Sometimes drawers or cabinets are very musty. Try lining them with wallpaper, that gives it a nice fresh feel."

Shopping tips



Look for chandeliers.

Great items to scour flea markets for:

- Wall mirrors
- Lamps, chandeliers
- Cabinetry
- Mixed-matched china
- Candlesticks
- Glassware



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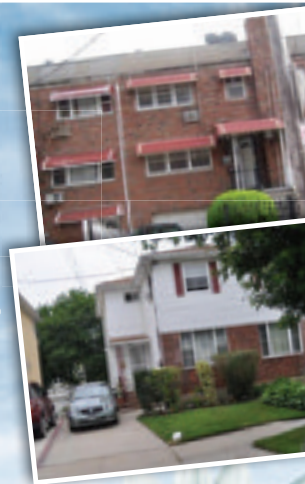
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New retail

Target hits bull's-eye with Chelsea retail, office lease

Retail juggernaut Target has secured a 10-year, 24,000-square-foot lease on the second floor of 521 W. 25th St., Crain's reported.

The big box retailer also nabbed a 5,000-square-foot ground floor retail space in a neighboring property at 511 W. 25th St., between 10th and 11th avenues. Both properties are owned by Related Companies.

The office space at 521 W. 25th will be used for creative and marketing staff, while Target plans to use the retail area for events and new product exhibitions.

Asking rent for the second floor office space was in the \$60s per square foot, while the retail space went for around \$115 per square foot. CBRE's Paul Amrich and Ross Zimbalist represented Related, which leased 46,000 square feet at its Hudson Yards mega-project for a new Fairway Market last week. **JULIE STRICKLAND**

Phillip Lim migrating to trendy Noho

Commercial real estate. The designer joins a flock of high-end boutiques to move to the hip nabe.

Designer Phillip Lim, the latest to join a contingent of clothiers setting up shop in Noho, will open a 3,500-square-foot shop at 48 Great Jones St., Crain's reported. The high-end designer, who also has outposts in Los Angeles and Tokyo, as well as another New York City location on Mercer Street, inked a lease that also includes a 2,300-square-foot storage basement for his brand, 3.1 Phillip Lim. Andrew Connolly of RKF represented the Great Jones Street landlord in the transaction, assisted by colleague Yael Amron. "You're seeing a lot of the big names open second-



Designer Phillip Lim is expanding to Noho. / FILMMAGIC

ary locations or primary locations to this area, which captures the trendy, edgier side of boutiques," Connolly said. But he was quick to caution against limited vacancies, saying, "It's a very tight market." Asking rents on Great Jones Street and nearby Bond Street run in the \$100s per square foot, while those in pricier Soho — a fashion mecca some retailers are starting to avoid

— can hit between \$250 and \$300 per square foot. Lim's boutique will replace a furniture seller who left the space six months earlier. **JULIE STRICKLAND**

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THE REAL DEAL

New home. J.Crew's Jenna Lyons lands \$6M Soho loft



Jenna Lyons is going to call Soho Home. / GETTY IMAGES FOR J.CREW

J. Crew creative director Jenna Lyons has landed a 3,500-square-foot loft in Soho for \$6 million, according to Curbed.

Lyons paid more than \$500,000 over the asking price for the fourth-floor apartment at 112 Mercer St. as the result of a bidding war. Although the final price for the loft was steep, her maintenance fee is only \$200 per month, due to income from the building's ground floor retail space.

The loft boasts "extreme" ceiling heights, exposed brick walls and

hardwood floors, the listing said. It also has an additional private office space in the cellar and a large private storage room located in the sub-basement. The same family owned the unit for 36 years.

This acquisition comes two years after Lyons split up with her husband, Vincent Mazeau, and sold their Brooklyn townhouse. She and her husband paid more than \$250,000 above that apartment's \$3.75 million asking price, as it also was the source of a bidding war. **JAMES COMTOIS**

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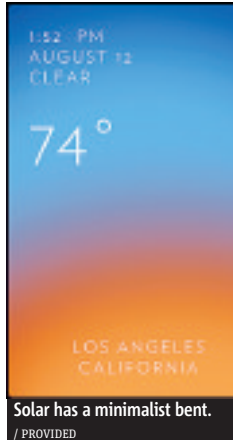
Doppler Radar systems regularly go Chicken Little, predicting storms and thunder that never materialize. But even a confidently delivered “no chance of rain” in no way means there won’t be a freak torrent that soaks us down to the bone.

And yet as nervous smartphone users, we re-

main tethered to meteorology, on the off-chance the predictions are right. The weather app that comes with most smartphones is garbage, and even the trusty Weather Channel app can be a bit meat and potatoes.

If you like a lot of form and just enough functionality to get you by, then Solar is your friend. Attractive minimalism is its bread and butter, with wallpaper whose colors change depending on what it’s like outside. It’s an app for people who live very much in the now, which is to say it only offers weather into the next three days.

Weathertron could be softer on the eyes, but you’ll wind up more in the know. The format divides



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Apple CEO Tim Cook has long been hinting that new products are coming this fall, and now we have a date: Sept. 10.

The Cupertino, Calif., company will unveil its next iPhone — perhaps called iPhone 5S — on that date, according to AllThingsD. There are also reports that the company will announce a cheaper iPhone, encased in colorful polycarbonate instead of aluminum. Both the new flagship iPhone and the rumored lower-cost version will be running iOS 7. The new iOS features better connectivity to the cloud and improved multi-tasking features.

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The stuff that comes



out of the tube is thick and dark, but surprisingly blends easily into my skin, which now feels soft and smooth. Do I see a faint glow? I take the cream for a test drive on a hot, sticky day. My face doesn't feel greasy in the slightest. But when it comes to coverage, it's al-

most too discreet. By layer three, I give up trying to hide a small red patch on my upper lip and a blemish on my cheek. I'll have to use my BB cream for that instead.



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Avoid dreaded vacation weight gain

Summer health.

Easy ideas for coming home without tighter clothes.

Souvenirs aren't the only extra baggage people often bring home from summer vacations. What with all the eating and drinking and lazing on the beach or by the pool, the hard work getting into shape for the beach can be easily undone.

We asked Peter Lavelle, founder of and trainer at Ultimate Bootcamp, New England's largest outdoor fitness organization, for tips on arriving home flab-free.

Pack sneakers!

"If you're in flip-flops, you're far less likely to keep moving throughout the day," he says. "Wear sneakers, which allow you to sightsee and move from place to place without your legs and feet becoming tired

quickly."

Don't just lie there

"It's easy to see vacation as laying on a beach," Lavelle says. "There's no reason it shouldn't be, but you can earn that beach time by going on some excursions. The more active the excursion, the better. Kayaking, snorkeling and hiking are all great ways to stay active. Rent a couple of bikes and see where it takes you. While you're



Hydrate

Water up

"Staying hydrated, especially in sunny spots, is imperative. Chugging extra water isn't just good for your health, it will also make you feel fuller, longer."

Take advantage of fitness opportunities you may not regularly have at your disposal — like kayaking.

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out there having a blast, you'll be burning the calories too."

Pack an exercise band

"You'll be more likely to do some muscle-sculpting in your hotel room," he says. "Do some exer-

cises before breakfast or while waiting for the shower. If you don't own a resistance tubing band, buy one that comes with a chart of exercises."


Stay slim, stay cool

If you're in a warmer

climate, "beat the heat by choosing cold menu items," Lavelle says. "Salads and other cold dishes are less likely to be fried and more likely to get you your daily fiber dose."

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FRIENDSHIP FUELS THE RUN

On the Run

JIM CARROLL

Jim Carroll has been a New Yorker for more than 15 years but is about to experience one of the most quintessential New York experiences for the first time: the ING NYC Marathon. Join him each week on his journey to the finish line on Nov. 3



The other day, while running, I reflected on the cartoon I drew for last week's blog. The word "violent" came to mind, which struck me as strange because running is the least violent sport out there. I mean, running makes synchronized swimming look like Ultimate Fighting. It feels downright friendly in a surprising way. And because running by nature is more about achievement and less about competition, it makes it easier to root for each other no matter how much faster they might be.

One way to experience the unique friendliness of the running community is to join a running club. They foster fraternity through group runs and social events, and it's where I found my marvelous marathon-training program: S.M.A.R.T. Run

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For the boring endeavor that running can be, groups sure bring people together.

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For the boring endeavor that running can be, groups sure bring people together. I think it's because running is so mundane that people have to find something to take their mind off what a self-induced hell this whole thing can be, and casual chitchat with a stranger can do just that.

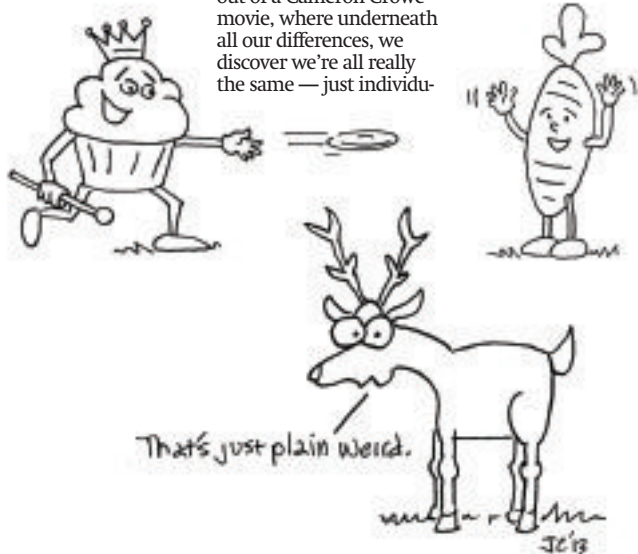
I'm intrigued by the backgrounds that make up my marathon-training program teammates. I feel like we're all part of something bigger, like something out of a Cameron Crowe movie, where underneath all our differences, we discover we're all really the same — just individu-

als colliding at this one moment in time, trying to discover our true selves.

I imagine we would all give each other nicknames and right before the marathon, we'd face a collective dilemma (i.e. our coach getting unexpectedly ill) and be forced to coach ourselves, which would lead to in-fighting that would only bring us closer together.

This brings me back to my friends Cupcake and Carrot. It turns out that after the violent incident from last week, Cupcake sought counseling for his rage and Carrot, in turn, dropped the charges. They ended up becoming friends after seeing each other at a group run and they now play Frisbee every Sunday.

So, when it comes to describing the running community, "friendship," in my opinion, is probably the best word for that.



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♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Share your talents and enjoy interacting with the people you encounter. New friendships will lead to unusual opportunities.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Devote some time to getting ahead. The extra attention to detail will pay off as long as you don't bite off more than you can chew.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Let your emotions lead the way. You can expand your awareness and interests if you follow your heart.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Express your ideas and plans in clear, concise language. Listen to the suggestions of others. Success can be yours as long as you are realistic.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Stick to what you know and steer clear of impulsive or erratic people. You can achieve stellar results if you have the facts and figures to back your actions.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Limitations are likely, but they mustn't be allowed to get in the way of your goals. If you look for ways to overcome obstacles, you will impress onlookers with your resourcefulness.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. There is money to be made if you have a mind to it. An old idea can be recycled to suit the consumer climate. Love is looking positive.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Don't share information until you are sure that your plan will work. Refrain from being impulsive.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Problems with partners, children or money will surface if you haven't budgeted wisely. Get your priorities straight and do what's necessary.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Offer suggestions but don't do the work that someone else is responsible for. Focus on home.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. A vacation that encourages thought, inspiration and motivation would pay for itself. Talk to people who can shed light on an idea.
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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

Across

- 1 Utter chaos
- 6 Canute's foe
- 10 Down Under rockers
- 14 Ms. Massey of film
- 15 Early toon clown
- 16 Mies van der —
- 17 Throws a party for
- 18 Foreign-exchange cost
- 19 Coffee source
- 20 Temper
- 21 Absolutely (2 wds.)
- 24 Fishing spots
- 26— wheel
- 27 Electrical unit
- 28 Trims back
- 30 Mongol tents
- 33 Rafter
- 34 Cajole
- 37 Fr. ladies
- 38 Nader or Bellamy
- 39 Della Street's penner
- 40 Military addr.
- 41 Advances
- 42 Twice as tricky
- 43 Chops fine
- 44 Aunt or bro.
- 45 More sore
- 48 Cape waver
- 52 Backstage necessity (2 wds.)
- 55 Finish the cupcakes
- 56 Genuine

Down

- 57 Feels crummy
- 58 Supple
- 60 Icicle locale
- 61 Sugar amts.
- 62 Sen. Kefauver
- 63 Barely scraped by
- 64 "No sweat!"
- 65 Mall tenant
- 1 Platter players (hyph.)
- 2 On the lookout
- 3 Franchise exerciser
- 4 "The loneliest number"
- 5 Algiers districts
- 6 Approves
- 7 Trademark
- 8 Quite similar
- 9 Sole, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 10 Where roses climb
- 11 Pierre's heart
- 12 Abu —
- 13 Pennies
- 22 Comic — Philips
- 23 Govt. branch
- 25 911 staffers
- 28 Winter ailments
- 29 Cup edges
- 30 Five-octave Sumac
- 31 Strike caller
- 32 — Speedwagon
- 33 Tarzan's mate

- 34 Dryly humorous
- 35 Flamenco shout
- 36 Poet's contraction
- 38 Make over (hyph.)
- 39 "First Lady of Song"
- 41 Twists the truth
- 42 Comes to terms
- 43 Rang up
- 44 Left in a hurry
- 45 Jibe with
- 46 Spooky noise
- 47 "Ho" preceder
- 48 Young girl
- 49 "Same here!"
- 50 Yellow pigment
- 51 Ms. Witherspoon
- 53 Galileo's home
- 54 Brenner Pass locale
- 59 "Hobby" ender

Yesterday's answer



Letters

Ideas for quality time

Re: 'How to help your children relax' (Metro, Aug. 13) I read your article and I just wanted to say thanks. As a busy mom, you have no real time with your children. The belly exercise, positive self talk, imagine a special place and encourage expressing feelings suggestions are so important. I started doing this with my three children and they love it. This is our special time together — thanks.
TANYA ABBEY, VIA EMAIL

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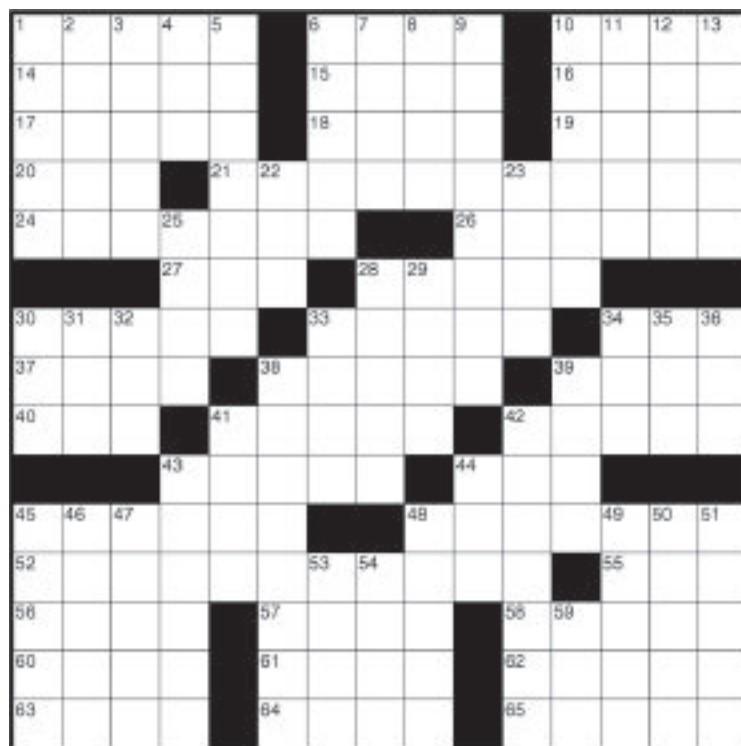
Re: 'How to hack your commute and relax' (Metro, Aug. 12) I owe an eternal debt of gratitude to your newspaper, having just read your feature. Wow! Life-changing stuff! If I hadn't had the good fortune of coming across this article, I would never have known to get up on time to catch my train, read a book or follow your suggestion to do nothing on my way to work.
SABINE KALOUTIAN, VIA EMAIL

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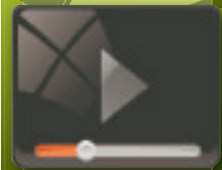


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Jonny Steele has three goals and four assists for the Red Bulls this season. / GETTY IMAGES

MAN OF STEELE

MLS. Jonny Steele is enjoying a breakout campaign in his first season with the Red Bulls.

When Jonny Steele was acquired by the Red Bulls in a preseason trade with Real Salt Lake in late February, the expectations for the Northern Irishman

were relatively low. Steele looked like a depth player unlikely to be an impact type in New York.

But after 22 starts this year, Steele has been nothing short of a season-changer for his new club. It has gotten to the point that he might get a call up to his national team soon. Steele scored the Red Bulls' third and final goal Aug. 3 in a 3-2 win over Sporting Kansas City, and

he was named to the MLS Team of the Week as well.

But he isn't just scoring goals — he is showing a creative spark down the left flank and now has a willingness to take on players on the dribble, — something the hard-working left winger didn't show earlier in the season.

"I always felt like I was a decent crosser of the ball and in Salt Lake, they didn't cross the ball. That's

no disrespect to Salt Lake; they like to keep the ball and that's their system, and it works," Steele told Metro. "Here I feel like if I get the ball wide, I can put it in or do something with it. ... There are good players here, and I'm learning from them. I'm going to get better."

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Long, strange trip

Steele fights for respect

It hasn't been a quick road to success for Jonny Steele, who at 27 years old is just hitting his prime. He has been in the United States on and off since 2004 and has primarily played in the lower divisions, even in the Major Indoor Soccer League, to eke out a living. But now with the glamour club of MLS, the industrious Steele is gaining admirers here and abroad.

While nothing is definite, Steele could well be called up to Northern Ireland's national team for its slate of September World Cup qualifying matches, based on his performance for the Red Bulls. Nothing is concrete, but Red Bulls sporting director Andy Roxburgh has been advocating his midfielder to the Northern Ireland federation. **KRISTIAN DYER**

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"Jonny, to me, is a workhorse. Anything after that is a bonus."

Mike Petke, Red Bulls head coach, on Steele's performance this season for his team

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Rolle, Pierre-Paul deal with missing snaps at practice

NFL. The Giants call on an old saying to continue on with key starters on defense likely out for a few weeks.

The Giants' defense has a few men down for the time being, but as their mantra goes, "next man up."

Defensive end Justin Tuck, who had been dealing with his own back malady, said even though bookend Jason Pierre-Paul (back) is likely out until at least Week 1, and safety Antrel Rolle (ankle) could miss a significant portion of training camp, now is the time for lesser-



Rolle wore a walking boot at practice yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

known players to seize the opportunities from more first-team snaps.

"You have to be prepared, although you hope it won't be true [that star

players will miss significant time], but we have guys who are ready to step up," Tuck said. "Losing Rolle is a huge setback for us, but it also gives opportunity for guys like [safeties] Tyler Sash and [Ryan] Mundy. And it also puts a bigger role on [safety] Stevie Brown's leadership. We have guys that can fill in for Antrel. Now, there's no other Antrel on this football team, but we still have guys to get the job done."

"I hate even missing practice and not be out there with my brothers," Rolle said. "It's hard for me to accept that."

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Ivory towers

Ivory back at practice

A Jets backfield that's already relatively unproven has been



hit hard in recent weeks with injuries and off-the-field

issues. But over the past two days, the return of Chris Ivory to the practice field following a hamstring injury is a bit of good news.

He should see the field Saturday night when the Jets host the Jaguars in their second game of preseason.

He labeled the upcoming preseason game a "possibility."

"I still need to be out there and get a couple more reps just to get more of the feel, but for the most part, I felt pretty good," Ivory told reporters yesterday.

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CB Thomas working back from injury

Defensive coordinator Perry Fewell said he's liked what he's seen from cornerback Terrell Thomas, who's trying to

work his way back from his third ACL injury.

"Yesterday, he received about 50 percent of the reps that we were wanting to give him, [and] I thought he responded extremely well," said Fewell. "He showed burst [and] the

ability to come out of a break when he was covering in man coverage."

Fewell, however, wouldn't give a timetable on Thomas' actual game availability, particularly for the Aug. 18 game against the Colts.

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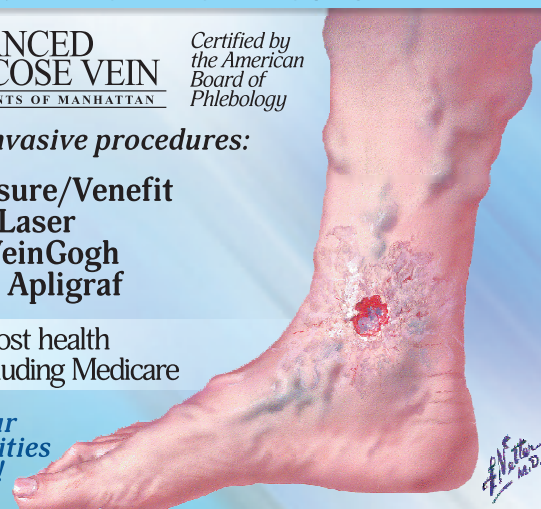
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IRENEUSZ MASLANKA V. KATARZYNA CIESLA,
Index no. 15578/2012

LET, KATARZYNA CIESLA, the Defendant herein, and **IRENEUSZ MASLANKA,** the Plaintiff herein show cause before this Court at Part 51, Rm 21 thereof to be held at the Courthouse located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11435 on September 11, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, why an Order should not be made and entered granting the movant the following relief:

A) An Order appointing **ADAM CIESLA** as Guardian Ad Litem for the Defendant, **KATARZYNA CIESLA** pursuant to CPLR Section 1201 and permitting him to represent the Defendant's best interest in herein matter.
B) An order staying, or in the alternative, modifying the Defendant's child support obligation in the instant matter until further order of the Court.
C) Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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